

In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.013834.

HIROYUKI SHINBATA ET AL.

Examiner: S.M. Brinich

Application No.: 09/396,740

Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,

Date: February 18, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | * 43 | MINUS | ** 42 | = 1 | x \$9 \$18 | \$18.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | * 21 | MINUS | *** 23 | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | \$0 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT--- | | | | | | \$18.00 |

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☒ A check in the amount of \$18.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

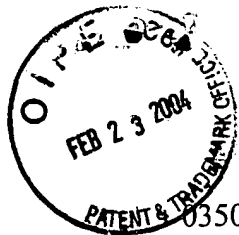
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

After entry of the Amendment After Final Action dated February 17, 2004,
and preliminary to continued examination, please further amend the above-referenced
application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2,
and the Remarks begin at page 23.

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February 18, 2004

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